[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*b*) How long have these applications been pending on an average?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to explain the delay, if any, in the disposal of these applications?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Since the close of the last school year, the Inspector of Vernacular Schools and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools have received 285 and 400 applications, respectively, from teachers in Vernacular Schools for transfer; and of these 74 and 141, respectively, have been sanctioned. The other applications are retained for consideration when suitable opportunities occur. Applications for transfer cannot be disposed of like ordinary correspondence. All the transfers that could be effected in accordance with the principles governing such transfers are reported to have been effected.

Applications for Transfer from Teachers of Vernacular Schools.

21. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): (*a*) How many applications praying for transfer from teachers, employed in vernacular schools, including girls' schools, are now pending disposal by the Inspector and Inspectress, respectively, of such schools?

(*b*) How long have these applications been pending on an average?

(*c*) Will the Government be so good as to explain the delay, if any, in the disposal of these applications?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 20.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With respect to the answer to question No. 20, may I know whether any applications for transfer were pending before the opening of this school year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, there were applications.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): How many of them were so pending?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Most of the pending applications are of that category. I have not got the exact figures.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to disclose the average pendency of the applications?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not consider it necessary. It is only when there are vacancies that the Inspector or the Inspectress can dispose of applications for transfer.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Were the applications, according to which transfers have been granted, anterior to the applications that had already been pending or subsequent to them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No detailed enquiry has been made. But I may invite the attention of the member to the assurance conveyed last Thursday by the Acting Director of Public Instruction, the member in charge of the Department of Education, which runs as follows:—"In deference to the wishes of the House, I shall make an enquiry, call for the papers regarding applications for transfers, and see to what extent the orders of Government have been carried out." Such an enquiry will be made in respect of all applications both in the Inspector's office and the Inspectress's office.

X-ray Apparatus.

22. MR C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the X-ray apparatus, now lying unutilised "as a lumber appendage which exists as a mere show," referred to in the report of the Medical Department for 1098 was purchased;

(*b*) the price paid for it and the cost of fitting it up and its upkeep per year;

(*c*) whether it was for any period in working order, and, if so, when and for how long;

(*d*) whether an Assistant Surgeon was not deputed to undergo special training in Madras in the use of X-ray apparatus and in the diagnosis of diseases;

(*e*) whether he was in charge of the X-ray department, and, if so, for what period; and

(*f*) whether any other medical officer was trained under him?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) In the year 1086 M. E.

(*b*) £ 176-7-11, Rs. 930, and Rs. 175-26-2, respectively.

(*c*) Yes. Till the end of 1097.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. Till 1090.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know from what period to what period the officer was in charge of the X-ray department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From 1086 to 1090.

Work of Mr. G. Raman Pillai, Bacteriologist.

23. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Dr. G. Raman

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